



# Committee On Finance

**Max Baucus, Ranking Member**

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### **Baucus Announces New Addition to Finance Committee: Melissa Mueller Joins Democratic Committee Staff as Tax Counsel**

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) U.S. Senator Max Baucus today announced that Melissa Mueller joined the Senate Finance Committee staff on July 6. She will be handling individual tax issues, financial products, military tax issues, intellectual property, and education tax issues for the committee.

Ms. Mueller comes to the Finance Committee staff as Tax Counsel, leaving the position of Legislative Director for Rep. Richard Neal (D-MA), a senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee. Three years prior her work with Rep. Neal, she served as Counsel for Ways and Means member Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D-TX). Her experience on Capitol Hill also includes positions with Senator Harry Reid (D-NV) and Rep. Ralph Hall (R-TX).

She filled the post of Assistant Attorney General for the Texas Attorney General, working in Washington on federal cases and legislative matters. She also worked in the first year of the Clinton Administration in the Justice Department for Attorney General Janet Reno.

"Melissa brings a wealth of knowledge to the Finance Committee team," Baucus said. "Her background in tax related issues and extensive experience here on Capitol Hill will be invaluable while creating and negotiating tax legislation."

Ms. Mueller is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin where she earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in finance and a law degree. She is married to lobbyist and former Capitol Hill staffer, Steve Gallagher, with whom she shares 5-month old twins, Penny and Liam. She hails from San Antonio, Texas.

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